

Take It To The Street

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Aluminum Cans • Newspaper • Glass Bottles • Aerosol Cans

Tin Cans • Phone Books • Aluminum Foil • Magazines



curbside recycling

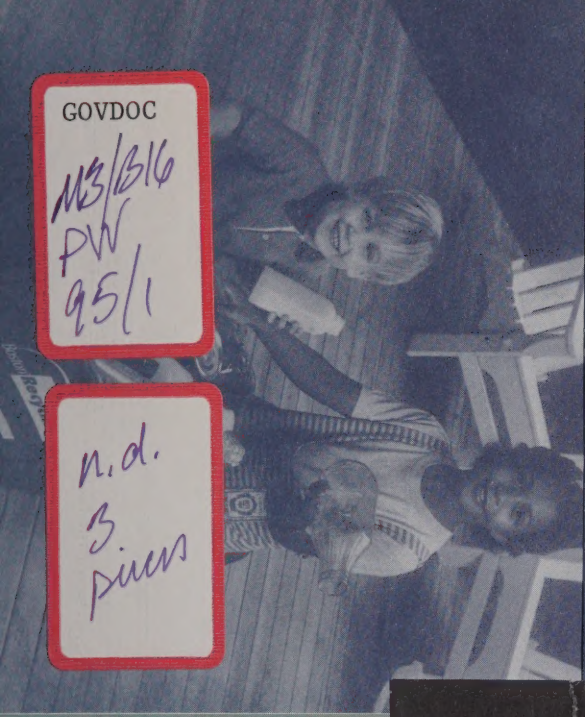
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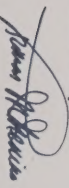
Welcome to a new era of recycling in Boston! With your new "Blue Box," it will now be easier to recycle. You can recycle glass, metal, plastic, newspaper, and cardboard right at the curb on your trash day.

Boston's Curb-side Recycling Program will help move us toward our goal of recycling as much trash as possible.

When you participate, you're doing your part to recycle trash into new products, save landfill space, and preserve our natural resources.

Please join me in doing your part for your community and your environment by recycling with your Blue Box — it's easy and it's important for our future.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Menino,
Mayor





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Boston Public Works Department

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YOUR GUIDE TO BOSTON'S CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Take It To The Street





For questions, call the Recycling Hotline at 635-4959
Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Or call RECYCLE (732-9253).

This is an important notice. Please have it translated.
For more information, please call 635-3247.

Esta nota es importante. Sirvase mandarla a traducir.
Para más información, por favor llame al 635-3247.

Cet avis est très importante. Veuillez faire traduire.
Pour l'information supplémentaire, téléphonez 635-3247.

Sa se yon papye ki trezenpotan. Tanpri tradwi li.
Pou plis enfomasyon, rele nan 635-3247.

Đây là một thông báo quan trọng. Xin vui lòng thông
dịch giúp. Đề biết thêm tin tức gọi số 635-3247.

這是一項極重要的通告。請將它作成翻譯
如需更多的資料，請打635-3247。

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Facts Sheets are available in these and some other languages.

WELCOME TO CURBSIDE RECYCLING!

Recycle With Your Blue Box

It's easy and convenient to recycle with your new Blue Box. To get started, write your address on your box and put the enclosed sticker on the side of your box. Then put the box in a convenient place, perhaps near your kitchen trash container or on your back porch. As you throw away trash during the week, simply put your glass, metal, plastic, newspapers, and cardboard into your Blue Box for recycling.

Take It To The Street

On your regular trash day, take your Blue Box full of recyclable materials to the street and set it next to your trash. If you have two weekly trash days, take your recyclables out on the **first** trash day. If you have three weekly trash days, take your recyclables out on the **middle** trash day.

Please set out your trash and recyclables after **5 p.m.** the night before trash day and before **7 a.m.** on the morning of pickup. Your recyclables will be picked up rain or shine, so please set them out every week.



In some neighborhoods, recyclables will be picked up in a regular garbage truck or a pickup truck. Don't worry! Your recyclables are still being recycled.

Help Solve the Waste Problem

With your help, we can turn trash into new products, save landfill space for trash that can't be recycled, and preserve our natural resources. Please help solve our waste problem by recycling with your Blue Box. Together, we can make a difference for our future.

Glass Recycling

Clear Jars
Clear Bottles
Brown Bottles
Green Bottles



Plastic Recycling

Bottles
Milk Jugs
Water Jugs



Before you recycle

- Rinse glass containers
- Remove lids and corks
- Labels may be left on

Don't recycle

- Broken glass
- Ceramics
- Pyrex
- Window glass
- Light bulbs

Before you recycle

- Make sure there is a ♻️ or ♻️ recycling symbol on the bottom of each plastic bottle or jug
- Make sure each plastic container has a neck
- Rinse bottles, remove lids, leave labels on

Don't recycle

- Containers without necks, such as yogurt, margarine, and peanut butter containers
- Containers with the ♻️, ♻️, ♻️, ♻️, ♻️ symbols
- Plastic bags

PUT IN YOUR BLUE BOX

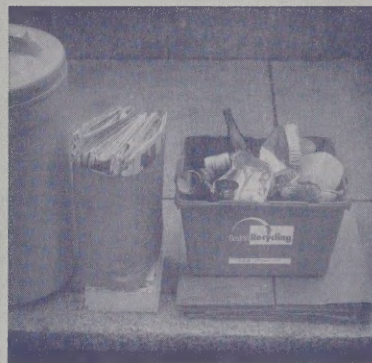
Metal Recycling

Aluminum Cans
Steel & Tin Cans
Aerosol Cans
Aluminum Trays
Aluminum Foil



Paper Recycling

Newspaper
Magazines
Phone Books
Brown Bags
Corrugated
Cardboard



Before you recycle

- Rinse tin and steel cans
- Make sure aerosol cans are empty
- Labels may be left on
- Crush aluminum, tin, and steel cans if you need more room in your box

Don't recycle

- Paint cans
- Cans that contained hazardous material
- Other metal items

Before you recycle

- Put newspapers and magazines in a brown paper bag or bundled with string next to Blue Box
- Recycle only corrugated cardboard, which has a waffled layer in the middle
- Flatten cardboard and place it under the box or newspaper stack so it doesn't blow away

Don't recycle

- White paper, cereal boxes, and other food boxes
- Non-corrugated cardboard

ANSWERS TO YOUR RECYCLING QUESTIONS

Missed Pickup

If your Blue Box wasn't picked up on your regular trash day, please check the following: Was everything in your box a recyclable item? Did you remove the lids, rinse the containers, flatten the cardboard, etc.? Was your box out before 7 a.m.? If you followed these guidelines and your Blue Box still wasn't picked up, call the Sanitation Division at 635-7573, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Or call 635-4959, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Schedule

If your trash pickup is delayed a day because of a holiday, then your Blue Box pickup will also be delayed by a day. Check the Boston Globe or Boston Herald for information about pickup on holiday weeks.

When You Move

Please leave your Blue Box behind for the next resident when you move. If you move to a new address in Boston, there should already be a Blue Box there for you to use.

Damaged or Stolen Blue Box

If your box is damaged or stolen, please call the Boston Sanitation Division at 635-7573.



Full Blue Box

If your Blue Box won't hold all your weekly recyclables, there are several solutions. Collect your newspapers and other paper items in a brown paper bag next to the Blue Box. Crush all your cans

and plastic bottles, and nest small items in larger ones.

If your Blue Box is still too full, you can buy a similar box for your extra recyclables. And if you like, we will send you a free sticker for your additional box. Just call 635-4959 to request a sticker.

Yard Waste

To recycle yard waste into compost, take your leaves and grass clippings to the street for pickup starting Saturday, October 29th for four consecutive Saturdays. Put your yard waste in paper compost bags, open barrels, or clear plastic garbage bags. Yard waste in colored garbage bags or "pumpkin bags" will be left for regular trash pickup. For more details, call 635-4959.



Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste such as motor oil, batteries, oil-based paints, pesticides, and household cleaners *should not be placed in your trash or in your recycling*

Blue Box. Household hazardous waste should be taken to one of Boston's drop-off sites; please call 635-3850 for drop-off information.

If you have questions about how to dispose of specific household hazardous waste, please call the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs at 727-3260, ext. 696. For a free booklet describing safe disposal methods for household hazardous waste and alternatives to using them, please call the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority at 241-2328.

Apartment Building Pickup

Apartment buildings serviced by the Public Works Department's Sanitation Division can participate in Boston's Recycling Program. Pickup arrangements will be made on a case-by-case basis. Renters, please ask your building manager to contact Sanitation at 635-7573.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

Reduce and Reuse

The best way to solve our waste problem is to reduce the number of items we throw away. We can do this by buying high-quality items that will last a long time, by refusing to buy wasteful items, such as "disposable" and over-packaged things, and by holding yard sales or donating large items to charitable organizations.

Encourage others to recycle

Set a good example by recycling and encouraging your neighbors, friends, and relatives to recycle. And please ask your employer to start a recycling program and to reduce waste. For suggestions and referrals, call 635-4959.

Buy Recycled Products

A recycling program is successful only when consumers, businesses, and industries demand recycled products. Please look for and purchase recycled products when you shop, and encourage your employer to do the same.



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every week with your trash

Plastic

- ♻️ 1 and ♻️ 2 Bottles
- ♻️ 2 Jugs

Glass

- Clear, brown, green bottles
- Jars

Metal

- Aluminum cans
- Steel and tin cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil and foil trays

Paper/Cardboard

- Brown paper bags
- Newspaper (put in brown bags)
- Magazines
- Phone books
- Corrugated cardboard

For recycling questions, call **635-4959**
For missed pickup, call **635-7573**



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Apply this sticker to the side of your Blue Box

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Take It To The Street...
every week with your trash

Glass

- Clear, brown, green bottles and jars
- Rinse and remove lids, labels okay

Metal

- Aluminum, tin and steel cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil and foil trays
- Rinse and remove lids, labels okay

Plastic

- Bottles and jugs with ♻️ or ♻️ recycling symbols on bottom
- Rinse and remove lids, labels okay

Paper/Cardboard

- Newspaper, magazines, phone books, brown bags, corrugated cardboard
- Put newspaper in brown bag next to Blue Box
- Flatten cardboard and place under Blue Box or newspaper stack

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For missed pickup, call **635-7573**



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Llévelo a la calle...
cada semana junto con su basura

Vidrio

- Botellas y jarros transparentes, marrones y verdes
- Enjuague y quite las tapas; puede dejar las etiquetas

Metal

- Latas de aluminio, acero y hojalata
- Vacíe las latas de aerosol
- Papel aluminio y bandejas de aluminio
- Enjuague y quite las tapas; puede dejar las etiquetas

Plástico

- Botellas y jarros con los símbolos de reciclaje
♻️ o ♻️ en la parte inferior
- Enjuague y quite las tapas; puede dejar las etiquetas

Papel/Cartón

- Diarios, revistas, libros de teléfono, bolsas marrones, cartón corrugado
- Coloque los diarios en una bolsa marrón, junto a la Caja Azul
- Aplane el cartón y colóquelo debajo de la Caja Azul o de la pila de diarios

**Se tiene preguntas acerca del reciclaje,
llame al 635-4959**

**Si se olvidó de que iban a pasar a
recoger su reciclaje, llame al 635-7573**



Thomas M. Menino, Mayor
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